

### REMARKS

Claims 61-71 are now pending in the present application. Applicants have added Claims 61-71 to more clearly recite certain aspects of the present invention. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed.

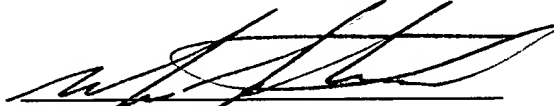
### CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant would submit that all Claims are in a condition for allowance and thus Applicant requests that the Examiner pass the case to issue at his earliest possible convenience.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the present amendment he should not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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